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■ CYCLING

GranFondo conquers Niagara

ALISON LANGLEY
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NIAGARA FALLS — Exhausted and exhilarated at the same time, Robert Marshall pondered one question after cycling for four hours.
Why?

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Ready to ride



SARAH FERGUSON

Staff Photo

Bruce Bissell shines his motorcycle for this weekend's Fabulous Fenwick Lions Bikeoberfest at Centennial Park. Please see story page 5.

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■ **CONTEST:** Derek Dawkins wins a new Honda



SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo
Derek Dawkins, an 89-year-old Fonthill resident, has a sweet new ride. He won his chocolate brown Honda Civic in the I Can't Believe There's A Chance to Win my Civic Every Week in August event.

Car doesn't cost customer a penny

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

Derek Dawkins has never won anything so big in his 89 years that he thinks he just may have used up all of his luck.

That's because the Fonthill resident was the one of four winners of the I Can't Believe There's A Chance to Win my Civic Every Week in August event.

During the month of August, customers who purchased vehicles from Honda dealerships across Ontario were entered into a draw to win their cars, Honda salesman Wesley Pierce said.

Pierce, who sold the winning vehicle, said Dawkins was in complete disbelief at

first when he learned his car wouldn't cost him a penny.

"I don't even think he believed me at first," Pierce said.

Dawkins said he wasn't even aware of the contest when he traded in his old Accord, with 230,000 km, for a brand new, chocolate brown Civic at the Honda Dealership on Lincoln St. in Welland.

"I bought my new Honda Civic on a Friday and the following Wednesday I got a call from the dealership asking me to come in. They said they had a surprise for me and it really was a surprise to me," Dawkins said.

Dawkins visited the dealership and when he arrived, dealership staff congratulated and applauded him for being a winner of the August contest.

Dawkins has owned four other Hondas in his lifetime and said he wanted to purchase a new, smaller car that saves more on gas.

When the realization that Dawkins had won his new car and a cheque for almost \$24,000 was returned to him, he said he felt amazed and exceptionally lucky.

"I even tried to go to the casino afterward but it wasn't any good. When you win a prize like this, you're never going to get this lucky again," Dawkins, originally from England, got his driver's license when he was 19-years-old. He said he didn't need to take a driver's test as aspir-

ing motorists could apply for their licenses and drive the same day.

Dawkins has always loved being behind the wheel because "it feels good."

"I like driving. I used to drive for the sake of driving. I can't do that much anymore with the gas prices these days."

Dawkins doesn't drive as much as he used to — at roughly 12,000 km a year — but he still loves the independence and the freedom of owning a car brings. He doesn't plan on quitting driving any time soon.

"I hope the car lasts at least 10 years, or at least as long as I do."

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■ **INVESTIGATION:** Ministry of Labour

Truck driver killed

MARYANNE FIRTH
PelhamNews Staff

A truck driver was killed Monday, Sept. 9, in an industrial accident at Willowbrook Nurseries in Fenwick.

Niagara Regional Police and Niagara EMS were called to the business at 935 Victoria Ave. at 4:17 p.m.

The truck driver, from Vineland-based GGS Structures Inc., was unloading a 900-pound skid of plastic wrap from the back of a truck with assistance from a fork lift operator. The skid became unbalanced and struck him, said Ministry of Labour spokesman William Lin. The ministry was called in to investigate the incident.

Niagara EMS community education officer Steve Malone confirmed a male patient was in cardiac arrest and transported to hospital last Monday. The patient was unresponsive and CPR was performed on the way to the hospital, he added.

The truck driver was later pronounced dead, Lin said.

As there was no criminal act involved, Niagara Regional Police ended their investigation, said NRP spokesman Const. Rich Gadsden.

No further information on the victim's identity has been released.

"I can confirm that there was a tragic accident (last Monday) afternoon, and that there is an active investigation in progress," GGS president Leigh Coulter said in an e-mail. GGS Structures Inc. is a designer, manufacturer, and installer of commercial greenhouses. Willowbrook Nurseries is a family-owned container nursery and perennials grower.

"I have been in communication with the officers that were called to the site, as well as the Ministry of Labour," Coulter said.

"Our thoughts are with the family, and out of respect for their privacy we will not make any further statements until after the investigation is complete."



MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

The Ministry of Labour is investigating an incident that caused the death of a truck driver Monday afternoon at Willowbrook Nurseries in Fenwick.

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■ CYCLING

Riders rave about Niagara course

FROM PAGE 1

"It seemed like a good idea at the time," joked the 68-year-old Manitoba resident after he completed the inaugural GranFondo Niagara Falls mass cycling event.

"I guess I'm old enough to know better but still young enough to try it."

Marshall has participated in three GranFondo Canada events in the past so it was only logical that he packed up his gear and headed to southern Ontario for Saturday's ride.

"The course was excellent," he said, although he admitted a few of the hills in Pelham were challenging.

Marshall rode with friends Kelly and Peter Garagan, also from Manitoba.

"It was a gorgeous route," said Kelly, who completed the route in just over four hours.

"Now I think we need to get in the car to drive the route again to see what we missed the first time."

The trio have participated in three GranFondo Canada events since 2010 and were among an estimated 1,200 cyclists who rode a grueling 125 kilometres through Niagara.

Loosely translated from Italian, granfondo means "big ride" or "great endurance."

There were riders from across North America, and from as far away as the United Kingdom and Japan.

The ride began and ended at Queen Victoria Park.

GranFondo Niagara Falls event director Dean Hachey said Saturday he had heard

nothing but praise and support from participants.

"It has been just tremendous today," he said. "I have countless happy people here."

The ride started shortly before 7 a.m. and the route took riders through Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Pelham, Thorold and then back to Niagara Falls.

There was a dedicated traffic-free lane for the entire course, allowing participants to ride at their own pace.

"The route, especially without any cars, was just spectacular," Hachey said, adding he's already looking at bringing the event back to Niagara next year.

There were no incidents along the route involving cyclists or motorists.

"From a policing perspective, the priority that guided our planning and ultimately our response to the grandfondo event remained participant and

public safety," said Insp. George Bench of Niagara Regional Police.

"In partnership with the Ontario Provincial Police, the Niagara Parks Police, and with additional support from the Toronto Police Service we were able to meet our goal."

Marshall said he'd definitely return if Niagara Falls hosts an event next year.

Food and beverage tents were set up at Queen Victoria Park for the cyclists and the general public and there was also a free concert by Juno-Award winning artists Jim Cuddy, of Blue Rodeo, and Barney Bentall.

Both musicians are avid cyclists and completed the ride before jumping on stage.

"They've been at our other GranFondo events and they were eager to come out and support us."

again," Hachey said.
Jan Anderson checked out the festivities even though she arrived in

"I love to ride," the Denmark native said. "I

only wish we had known (about the ride). Then we would (have) brought our bikes"

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Canada's Robin Hood redistribution program

"Stop the war on the poor, make the rich pay!" this is one of the Most common refrains of the social justice protest movement. Anytime the rent-a-mob protests something, this line will no doubt be heard at some point throughout the festivities.

A bit of a head-scratcher. Seeing as common sense suggests the rich already do pay. Don't they already pay a whole whack of taxes? Isn't that the whole concept behind our tiered tax levels?

Yep. And the latest installment of the National Household Survey from Statistics Canada that looks at income distribution just confirms it. The top 10% of earners received 28.1% of the income in 2010. For those who think that's unfair, take a look at the next indicator. That top earning group paid out 42.1% of the nation's income tax.

Then there's this nugget: "Looking at both income tax and government transfers, collectively, people in the bottom half of the income distribution received more in government transfers than they paid in income taxes overall." So our tax system already does a pretty solid job of taking from the rich and giving to the poor. Hello Robin Hood.

Here's how it breaks down. Total Canadian income was \$1.1 trillion in 2010.

Of this, 12.4% came from government transfers. Meaning the government shuffled around \$136 billion that year, from one group to another. Seventy percent of Canadians received some form of government transfer.

That's a lot.

But remember that includes tax credits. Not all of those people are on the dole.

In fact, only 13% received government transfers as their only income source.

That's still a shame. Not just because everyone else is shelling out for this. But because these people clearly aren't living up to their potential.

A caring society should lend a hand. We're glad we already do.

But when it comes to "doing more," let's not pretend that just upping the government transfers is the way to do it. Our society is redistributionist enough. If there's a war on anyone, let's be honest, it's a war on the makers.

Instead of going the socialist route, let's do more by boosting our economy.

By creating opportunities. So we can all move forward together.

■ COLUMN

comment Creating a dog park in Pelham

Town council recently agreed to work together with the region toward the creation of a dog park in Pelham in 2014.

In May 2011, members of the public presented council with a 200 name petition to request that the town establish an off-leash dog park in our community. They cited several benefits, including: offering a place to promote responsible dog ownership and to hold dog related events; providing an easier place for elderly and handicapped owners to take their dogs; providing exercise and social benefits for both people and dogs. Council directed staff to develop a report.

In June and July 2011, a number of residents formed a coordinating group called Pelham DOGS and presented the idea to council again. Council directed staff to work



**DAVE
AUGUSTYN**

MAYOR OF PELHAM

with Pelham DOGS, and referred the matter to the town's 2012 capital budget.

During the pre-budget public consultation meeting that October, Pelham DOGS presented a survey showing that 53% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed with the idea of a dog park for Pelham.

In December 2011, council approved earmarking \$35,000 in the 2012 capital budget toward a park. Council directed staff to work together with Pelham DOGS and recommend possible locations before proceeding further.

In August 2012, staff reported that dog parks are

the fastest growing areas of municipal recreation services in North America and that dog owners currently use general parks and playgrounds as areas to exercise dogs. Staff recommended constructing a park on the former landfill on Centre Street (just north of Regional Road 20) after much discussion, council directed staff to seek permission to use those lands from the Niagara Region.

After a year of planning with the Region and representatives of Pelham DOGS, staff proposed a design and a proposal to council:

- The region would retain ownership of the land, will maintain the park, and continue accept all liability for the property. (This is similar to the Port Colborne dog park and other public uses at closed landfills across Niagara.)

- The town will begin to rezone the property and will

contribute \$35,000 toward the park's construction.

- Pelham DOGS will contribute (via fundraising) \$10,000 (Please see www.pelhamdogs.com for fundraisers like the community BBQ at Giant Tiger on Oct. 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

- The region will seek approval for the remainder of the construction costs—approximately \$66,000—in their 2014 Capital Budget.

This plan was approved by Council (in a 5 to 2 recorded vote) on Sept. 3. While a few important hurdles remain, the finish line is in sight for constructing and opening a dog park in Pelham in 2014.

You may suggest future columns by contacting Mayor Dave Augustyn at mayordave@pelham.ca or read past columns at www.pelhammayordave.blogspot.com.

Looking good



SUPPLIED PHOTO
Pictured from left, St. Ann students Taya Malino, Evelyn Demizio, Alex Riley and Sarah Birrell, dressed in navy blue and white, are smiling about their school's new dress code that went into effect on the first day of school.

■ **FABULOUS FENWICK LIONS:** Pelham club to give away a Harley-Davidson this weekend

Revved up for Biktoberfest

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

The normally sleepy Centennial Park will become home to leather gloves, helmets and plenty of motorcycle enthusiasts when the Fabulous Fenwick Lions Biktoberfest switches into high gear.

The annual event revs up Saturday to raise funds for Lions Foundation of Canada, Alzheimer Society of Niagara Foundation and Lions' community projects, said organizer Bruce Bissell.

Bissell, a motorcycle enthusiast himself, said

the event which will run 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. typically sees about 8,000 people attend.

"(The event) keeps getting bigger and better every year," he said.

Over the course of 11 years, Bissell said, the event has raised \$370,000 through the Lions' motorcycle draw.

He said it has grown to be the largest motorcycle event in Niagara.

This year, the Lions are raffling off a Harley-Davidson CVO Ultra Classic. Second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500.

The party includes ven-

dors, food, a show and shine, motorcycle displays and a motorcycle swap meet.

Entertainment for the day includes performer Wendy Lynn Snider followed by More Bad News and The Horns From Hell. People who attend Saturday will also experience something a little different.

Bissell said a Welland couple plans to wear their finest biker attire and merrily in Biktoberfest style. The couple will be

wed by Pelham citizen of the year and Lions member Fred Disher in a ceremony at 2 p.m.

On Friday night, a prelude to the Saturday Biktoberfest, the 2013 Ride of the Flags takes place.

Flag carrying motorcycles leave the Clare's Cycle and Sports at 6 p.m. and head south on Maple St., then turn left on Canboro Rd. to Haist St. in Fonthill, right on Welland Rd., left on Balfour St., right on Foss Rd., and ending in Centennial Park on Church St.

Bissell invites supporters to wave to passing motorcyclists on their ride to the park.

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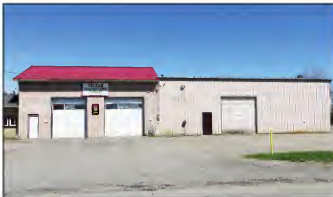
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■ **PROPERTY:** Pelham poised to spend \$200,000 on land



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Fire Station 3's temporary facility on Sixteen Rd. in Pelham will likely be replaced by a permanent facility to be built on Cream St.

Station 3 fire hall may move to Cream St.

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

Pelham Fire Station 3 may have finally found a permanent home.
The Town of Pelham is poised to purchase 1.2 hectares of land at 2315 Cream St. for \$200,000.

But the sale is dependent upon the town being able to successfully rezone the land's use for the construction of a fire hall, Mayor Dave Augustyn said.

It was 13 years ago that the Pelham Fire Department began using 597 Sixteen Rd. as a temporary location for the fire station.

Prior to then, the town used to share north rural fire services with the City of Thorold, but that city decided it wanted to make a go of it on its own, so Pelham residents were left in need.

"We had to find a temporary location. It was never intended to be permanent,

knowing the firefighters in the community needed a better facility," Augustyn said.

The town has been working over the past year to find a suitable location because of planning rules, Augustyn said.

"The greenbelt doesn't actually allow, or specifically state about allowing, these things. We had to find a site where the zoning is grandfathered in and we were able to make amendments to it."

Before rezoning can take place and the land purchased, Augustyn said an environmental survey of the Cream St. property must be completed.

Augustyn said the land is zoned for the use of a trucking business, and the proposed fire station would have less of an impact on the area.

"We're taking our first step in the process. We still don't own the property. We're going through this process and a report will come to council this fall."

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Alzheimer Society National Coffee Break Day - September 20 - Pelham Town Hall

The town of Pelham is hosting a coffee break in support of the Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region and everyone is invited! Join us for a fresh cup of coffee and some treats starting at 10 am and lasting throughout the day. See you in Council Chambers at Pelham Town Hall

Child Car Seat Clinic - Saturday, Sept. 21 - 10:30 am to 2:30 pm - Pelham Fire Station One (177 Highway 20 W, Fonthill)

The Town of Pelham, in collaboration with Pelham Fire and the Niagara Auxiliary O.P.P., is hosting a child car seat clinic. Certified Child Car Seat Technicians will be present to answer questions and help inspect, install, and make corrections to car seats. No appointments necessary. Pelham Firefighters will also be on site with fire trucks to entertain children while caregivers partake in the clinic.

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Lieutenant Governor of Canada, the Honourable David C. Onley, visits Pelham - Thursday, October 10 - 1:30 pm-2:30 pm at Centennial Park

For more information contact jruddell@pelham.ca or 905 892-2607, ext. 341.

Town of Pelham Budget Open House - Tuesday, October 15 - 6:30 p.m. - Pelham Town Hall

Residents are invited to participate in the upcoming budget open house happening in Council Chambers at Town Hall. See you there!

Pelham Farmers' Market - May 2 until Oct. 24 at Pelham Town Square - Sept. 12 Market Bucks Winner: Margaret Sibbett

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Resident Telephone Survey

The Town of Pelham, in partnership with LeisurePlan International Inc., a firm specializing in leisure, recreation and fitness, is conducting a Multi-Purpose Indoor Community Centre Strategy and Business Model Study to gauge the feasibility of potentially building recreation and culture facilities in our town.

Randomly selected Pelham residents will be asked to participate in a brief 10 minute telephone survey with LeisurePlan representatives discussing their recreation and culture habits and preferences. All collected information will remain confidential.

So make your voice heard and help us shape the future of recreation & culture in Pelham!

■ **EXPANSION:** Pelham Community Church set to grow

Faith helps church flourish

MARYANNE FIRTH
PelhamNews Staff

After 165 years, Pelham Community Church continues to grow.

Rooted in town for generations, its congregation has blossomed and plans

are in place to soon see the Cariboro Rd. building expand as well.

A capital campaign, Growing and Building in Faith, was launched on Sunday with hopes of raising \$650,000 to pay for a 2,000-square-foot addition that will include an enlarged sanctuary, first floor nursery, multi-purpose space with flexible seating, a large group assembly area for children and youth activities, and a lift for accessibility.

"We're looking to put the shovel in the ground in spring 2014," said campaign chair Drew Furtney, who

first came to PCC as a child and now attends with his own children.

"I was born into this church. It's nice to see it continue to grow and continue to serve our community," he said.

Jacquelyn Morgan believes the congregation's faith in its youngest members has helped the church to flourish over the years, saying "This church has a longstanding history and tradition of valuing its young people and nurturing its children."

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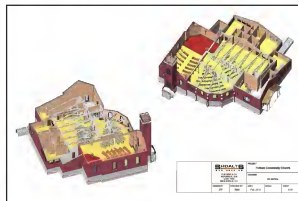
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■ CHURCH

'There's so much potential for more growth'

FROM PAGE 8

"That has a lot of appeal to young families."

Morgan, who has attended PCC for the past 50 years, credited the "church family" for helping to raise her three children.

"We've been very involved and appreciative of all the pastoral and community care the congregation has afforded us all these years through our family's joys and sorrows."

She could hardly contain her excitement while speaking about the much-anticipated expansion and what it will mean for the church.

"There's so much potential for more growth, for more community involvement, more programming, more accessibility," she said.

Part of the United Church of Canada, PCC serves 130 households, with an additional 115 people receiving pastoral care.

The original building at 461 Canboro Rd. was first constructed in 1865 and has seen many additions and improvements since.

In its existing state, the building seats a little more than 100 people, with additional overflow space available, Furtney said.

The new design will make the church setting "more inclusive" by combining the worship seating, he said.

To help raise funds, project organizers will be visiting congregation members, sending out letters to friends and family, and applying for grants. Weekly church and Jacobus dinners will also be taking place to help raise interest, Furtney said.

For more information, progress updates or to donate online, visit www.pccbuild2014.com.

Information packages are also available by e-mailing info@pccbuild2014.com.



Pelham Community Church launched a capital campaign on Sunday with a goal of raising \$650,000 to expand the existing building. Capital campaign chair Drew Furtney, centre, is flanked by building project co-chairs Ross McCarthy, left, and Linda Allison, right, in front of the church on Canboro Rd.

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\$25,000 to purchase urgently needed equipment for the local hospital, says the foundation's fund development officer, Lori Pottle.

With only 5,000 tickets being sold, Pottle says people have great chances of winning prizes, includ-

ing a \$10,000 first prize, \$2,500 for second, \$1,500 for third, \$1,000 for fourth place, \$500 for fifth, or one of 20 additional \$100 prizes. Winners will be drawn Jan. 4 at 1 p.m. at Seaway Mall.

There's also an early draw on Dec. 6, featuring prizes of \$600 in gift cer-

tificates, and \$500 cash to help with Christmas shopping.

The tickets themselves also make great gifts, Pottle says.

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Tickets are \$10 each, six for \$50, or 12 for \$100, and are available by calling 905-378-4647 ext. 30000, or by visiting Meridian Credit Union branches in Welland and Fonthill; RBC in Fonthill and Fenwick; PenFinancial

Credit Union in Welland; Durward, Jones, Barkwell LLP; and the Welland Hospital Foundation office at Welland hospital.

More than 800 tickets have already been sold in the span of about a week.

Says Pottle, "We're off to a great start."

■ THANKSGIVING

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Donations can be made at either Klager's or Pelham Cares until Saturday, Oct. 12.

For more information about the fundraiser, call Pelham Cares at 905-892-5300.

—*Pelham News***■ ONLINE**

Historical Society expands its collection

For PelhamNews

The Pelham Historical Society is pleased to announce an expansion to its online collection.

This year we were again able to hire Sean Lewis under the Canada Summer Jobs Program of the Federal

Government, and we decided to put some of the early issues of the Pelham District High School magazine, the Pnyx, online.

The school was started in Fenwick in 1922 as a continuation school with eight students, and became a high school in 1949.

The magazines were published from 1933-1974, but some of the early copies are fragile and this seemed a good way of preserving the history they contain. Sean selected and prepared extracts from the years 1933-1950, including reports of school activities, group pho-

tographs, student articles, news of alumni and some of the advertisements that the students collected to finance the issues. Of particular interest are the accounts and pictures of the war years.

If you access our Pelham Historical Collection (note change of name from Calendar

to Collection to cover the expanded content) through the Pelham Public Library web page you can now browse through the Poxv Collection.

This addition to the collection will be of interest to former students of the school and their relatives, and tells us much about life in a rural

community in the early part of the twentieth century.

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■ QUIZ TIME

Rotary club hosts Amazing Road Rally

For PelhamNews

Featuring a challenging but fun route that takes vehicles through all of Pelham's communities, this afternoon will include trivia, mind-benders and a few physical challenges too.

The Rotary Club of Fonthill's Amazing Road Rally takes place on Saturday, Oct. 5, starting and finishing at Lookout Ridge Retirement Home.

The cost is \$50 per vehicle, including driver and navigator. Additional passengers \$10 each. Entry fee includes incentive prizes, a chance at the top awards,

and a tasty barbecue after the rally. The event happens between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

How much do you know about your home community? Come find out!

Pre-registration is required by Monday, Sept. 30. Send cheques (or indicate cash or credit card payment on site) payable to Rotary Club of Fonthill, to Roy Kirkup, convener, c/o 96 Church St., St. Catharines, ON, L2R 3C8. Phone 905-685-5931, ext. 22, or email roy@niagarasurveyors.com.

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■ RUBY AWARDS

Business community's best and brightest will shine

MARYANNE FIRTH
PelhamNews Staff

WELLAND — It's almost time for the business community's best and brightest to shine.

Welland-Pelham Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for its annual Ruby Awards celebration, which kicks off next Thursday with an invitation-only breakfast at Seaway Mall to announce the nominees.

About 30 nominations have already been received for the nine available awards, but the chamber will continue to receive applications until the end of the week.

"We have awesome nominees again this year," said chamber executive director Dolores Fabiano, who was excited by the response from the community. "We're very happy with how many (nominations) we've received. But it's never about the quantity, it's about the quality."

Fabiano called the awards an important way of recognizing the efforts of businesses and individuals in Welland and Pelham.

"It blows your mind each year that people are doing such cool stuff in the community," she said. "That's what makes the community. It's not about the



MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

Welland-Pelham Chamber of Commerce executive director Dolores Fabiano shines up the Ruby Awards for the coming awards season.

infrastructure, the roads, the pipes. It's about the people who build the community and make it what it is."

Fabiano encouraged people to read the biographies of the nominees, which will be printed in The Tribune in the coming weeks.

Tickets for the Ruby Awards celebration, which takes place Friday, Oct. 18 at Lookout Point Country Club in Pelham, go on sale the morning of the nomination breakfast.

Fabiano suggests getting tickets early, as the awards ceremony has sold out for the past six years.

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■ **BASEBALL:** Blue Jays hall of famer hosts showcase tournament



BERND FRANKE Staff Photo

Ryan Bench, from left, Quinton Spagnol and Scott Bullett will represent Bullett Proof Baseball Academy in Welland at a Canadawide tournament getting underway Friday, Sept. 20, at the Rogers Centre in Toronto.

Their turn at bat

BERND FRANKE
Pelham News Staff

Ryan Bench will be keeping his eyes on the action on the field, not on the scouts, when he gets to play out his big league dreams on a major league stage this week.

The 16-year-old from Pelham, who was selected to play in a national tournament hosted by the Blue Jays Baseball Academy and Hall of Famer Roberto Alomar, intends

to leave any last-minute butterflies in the on-deck circle when he takes to the artificial field at Rogers Centre.

With scouts from all 32 major league teams and college recruiters tracking every move of all the players at the four-day showcase, he admitted getting down to the business of "baseball as usual" will be easier said than done.

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■ BASEBALL

Tourney first of its kind

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"It's a huge experience. You're on a team with most of the best kids in Canada, and you've got all those scouts looking at you," said Bench, a first baseman with the provincial Green Team, one of three Ontario teams competing in the 10-team tournament for college-eligible players.

But he is determined to make the most of his moment in the spotlight, the hardball hype and hoopla notwithstanding. After spending the past six years training year-round at the Bullett Pro Baseball Academy in Welland, Bench wants to make the most of his moment in the spotlight by giving those scouts something to look at.

"I think it's just your time to show what you can do," the Grade 11 student at E.L. Crossley Secondary School added.

Retired National Leaguer Scott Bullett, one of the Green Team coaches and the owner and instructor of the baseball academy in Welland, said he is confident neither Bench nor Quinton Spagnol, a third baseman from Niagara-on-the-Lake will let nerves get the better of them.

"Once you get that first throw, all that goes away. These guys have been training for this moment. This is what they've been preparing for," said Bullett, whose baseball development program will also be represented at the showcase tournament by outfielder Braden Johnston of Stoney Creek.

Presented by New Era, the tournament running Sept. 20-24 is the first of its

kind designed to showcase Canadian talent to professional scouts and college recruiters from across North America.

Spagnol, selected to play on Team Black coached by one-time big leaguer Nigel Wilson, said he hopes his team does well in its four guaranteed games.

The Grade 12 student at Holy Cross Secondary School is also looking forward to giving — and getting — helpful advice from his temporary teammates.

"Sometimes, it's easier to learn from your peers. They're going through what you're going through. They're at the same stage of development," he said.

Spagnol, who also has spent the past six years playing showcase tournaments for Bullett's Prospects teams, appreciates the dichotomy of striving for team honours in the standings while seeking individual attention from the scouts.

"You want to be the teammate who helps everyone, but you want to fill up that last roster spot. It's a dog-eat-dog world," he said.

Two teams from Quebec, a combined team from Manitoba and Saskatchewan and squads from Alberta, British Columbia and Atlantic Canada will also be playing in the tournament.

Alomar, who wore No. 12 with the Blue Jays, is being assisted as Tournament 12 commissioner for his father Sandy Alomar Sr., an all-star second baseman with the California Angels in the early 1970s, as well as former Blue Jays Lloyd Moseby and Duane Ward.

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**SUNDAY
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**MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 23**
PHOTOGRAPHY 201
Beyond the Basics. Award-winning photographer and Welland Camera Club president Peter Ferguson will take you through the settings on your camera and talk about post-production ways to turn a photograph into a work of art. Bring your camera and manual. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Cost \$10. Register ahead.

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Ask Our

Pharmacists THE FLU VACCINE

It is time to start thinking about getting the flu vaccine. There will be flu shot clinics offered in the local area in the upcoming weeks that anyone can go to. Often these clinics are underserved. There is still a great deal of misunderstanding about the flu vaccine and who should be immunized.

Each year an average of 20,000 people are hospitalized, and between 2,000 and 6,000 Canadians can die of influenza and its complications. Those most likely to suffer complications of the flu are the most vulnerable: children under two and adults over 65. The seasonal influenza vaccine is safe and effective and can benefit people of all ages. The flu shot only provides protection up to 12 months; immunization is required each year. This year's flu shot protects against the H1N1 flu virus as well as two other strains of flu. October to mid-November is the best time for immunization, but the vaccine may still be given in winter months. Who should get immunized? The following is a list from the recommended guidelines.

People at high risk of influenza-related complications, including:

- Adults and children with chronic conditions such as
- Cystic or lung disorders such as asthma
- Diabetes mellitus and other metabolic diseases
- Cancer, immunodeficiency, immunosuppression
- Blood diseases
- Anemia
- Children and adolescents with conditions treated for long periods with aspirin
- All residents of nursing homes or other chronic care facilities
- Seniors aged 65 years or older
- Pregnant women
- Children aged 6 months to 25 months of age
- Persons who are sexually obese
- Aboriginal peoples

People capable of transmitting influenza to those at high risk of complications, including:

- Health care and other care providers
- Household contacts of those at high risk and to infants less than six months
- Members of a household expecting a newborn during flu season
- Workers at all stages of pregnancy or breastfeeding infants
- Those providing regular child care to children 6-25 months
- Those who provide services within closed settings to persons at high risk

Others

- People who provide essential community services
- People in direct contact with immunocompromised patients
- Healthy persons aged 5-64 years should consider getting the vaccine even if they are not in one of the above groups

The list of those who should receive the vaccine is extensive. If you have had an allergic reaction to the vaccine or one of its components you should not get the vaccine. Or, if you have an allergy to eggs you should discuss getting the vaccine with your health care professional. However, it has been shown that egg-based individuals may be vaccinated against the flu vaccine.

Children 6 months to less than 6 years who have never received the seasonal flu vaccine require two doses, with a minimum of four weeks between doses.

Please remember that the flu shot cannot cause the flu. If you have become sick after getting the shot in the past it was a coincidental infection of some other kind. The main side effect is pain and redness at the site of injection for a day or two afterward.

The flu shot is effective. Scientific studies show the effectiveness of the flu shot to range from 70% to 90%.

Adults over 65 should also look in to getting the pneumococcal vaccine. Pneumococcal disease, a common complication of influenza, is a bacterial disease that can cause meningitis, bacteraemia (a bloodstream infection) and pneumonia. You can get this vaccine at the same time as the flu shot through your doctor.

To make sure you get your flu shot through your doctor or the flu shot clinics in the area. At some point in the near future this vaccine may become available to be given by your pharmacist who will be trained to give injections.

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SECOND CAREER information session at Employment Solutions, 3 East Main St., Welland; 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Second Career is an Ontario government program that enables laid-off Ontarians to train

for a new job that is in high demand. In this session you will be able to find out if you qualify for the Second Career program. Call 905-788-3751 to reserve a spot.

KNITTING CIRCLE at Wainfleet Township Public Library, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. This drop-in knitting club will meet to knit together, share patterns, help each other and learn how to knit.

**TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 24
FALL FASHION SHOW**

Niagara Women's Connection, an inter-denominational Christian women's club, invites you to a relaxing afternoon of fun, friendship, information and inspiration. This month we will be presenting a fashion show featuring shoes and purses from Walking On A Cloud. Time 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Our special speaker will be Joan Thiessen of Stony Creek, on how we can have peace over our circumstances and constant change. We would like to give everyone the

opportunity to help out Pelham Cares with a donation of a non-perishable food item. Coffee, tea and treats will be served for \$7. Babysitting is provided free of charge. The show is at Kirk on the Hill Church, 1344 Haist St., Pelham. RSVP to Margaret at 905-788-9641 or e-mail mrs.q@live.ca.

CARD MAKING WORKSHOP Participants will make six cards using a variety of techniques. Most materials are provided at Pelham Public Library. Time 10 a.m. to noon.

Cost \$10. Register ahead.

**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 25
WHEEL OF WORKSHOPS** at Employment Solutions, 3 East Main St., Welland, this day and Sept. 26; 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Call 905-788-3751 for more information or to reserve your spot in the free two-day workshop to get you ready to land that job you been looking for. You will receive a certificate at the end of the second day. There are eight workshops: resumes, interviews/dress-

ing and grooming, cover letters, computer basics, job retention, conflict resolution, stress management and Where are the Jobs?

**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 27
RESUME CLINIC** at Employment Solutions, 3 East Main St., Welland; 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Receive advice about your present resume or have help in developing a new one. Call 905-788-3751 to reserve a spot.














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CULTURE DAYS

at Welland Historical Museum, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., free admission, 140 King St. Check the museum's website or Facebook page for more info about all our programs and events or call 905-732-2215.

CANADIAN IMPROV Showcase, Welland Community Wellness Complex, 7 p.m. Enjoy a night of laughs and fun entertainment. This professional improvisation group from Toronto will surely make you laugh. Tickets on sale now starting at \$8 (based on membership).

STICKS, STRINGS and Stewardship. A group of knitters and crocheters who work to teach skills, and create items for ourselves and for local charities will be at Morgan's Point United Church at 7:30 p.m. For information, call

Jo at 905-899-6418.

PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE hosted by Fonthill Lioness at the Fonthill Lions Hall, 7 p.m. Prizes, light meal, cash bar. Cost \$5.

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 29
WELLAND ARTS AND CULTURE awards ceremonies at Welland Community Wellness Complex, 2 p.m.

FALL LUNCH at the Welland Hall, 361 Hellems Ave., Welland, at 12:30 p.m. Menu: vegetable

soup, Gypsy steak, beef stew, potatoes, salad, coffee/tea, dessert. Adult \$20, child (seven to 14) \$10. For tickets please call Anna at 905-735-0959, Klara at 905-732-5865 or Eva at 905-734-3593.

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 30
ANCIENT COINS

When is the last time you got to see a man-made item 2,300 years old? John Mayer who began collecting coins in grade school will bring a number of his most interesting coins to Pelham Public

Library and present some background on them. He has gathered a significant ancient coin collection that includes Greek, Roman, and Byzantine periods. Time 6:30 p.m., cost \$2.50. Register ahead.

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